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SUBJECT: US-ROC FISHERY DISCUSSIONS

1. US-ROC SCIENTTISTS FINISHED DISCUSSIONS NOV. 17. ROC REPS
WERE SUPPLIED DATA ON STATUS NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY STOCKS BY US
SCIENTISTS FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRINCIPALS OF
TWO GOVERNMENTS.

2. REPS OF US-ROC MET NOV. 19 US SIDE HEADED BY L.M. NAKATSU,
OES/OFA, AND ROC SIDE BY VICE MINISTER C.C. YANG OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS MINISTRY. ROC DELEGATION NUMBERED 14 AND INCLUDED REPS
FROM TREATY BUREAU AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

3. YANG INDICATED ROC RESPECTING TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
GOVERNMENTS CONTAINED IN AIDE-MEMOIRE. HE STATED THAT APPLICATIONS
FOR NORTH PACIFIC FISHING ARE NOW BEING CAREFULLY SCREENED AND THAT
ALL VESSEL CAPTAINS LEAVING FOR NORTH PACIFIC ARE BRIEFED ON TERMS
OF THE UNDERSTANDING.

4. U.S. SIDE STATED US APPRECIATION FOR ROC EFFORTS. U.S.
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SIDE THEN REVIEWED CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ON EXTENDED JURISDIC-

TION, ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ON UNILATERAL ACTION, USG POLICY REGARDING NEGOTIATION OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND US FISHERIES INITIATIVE. STATEMENT WAS ESSENTIALLY REITERATION OF STATEMENT GIVEN ROK IN SEOUL.

5. US SIDE STATED THAT PROBLEM OF ALLOCATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES IS UNDER REVIEW AND THAT USG PLANNED TO RENEGOTIATE ALL BILATERAL FISHERY AGREEMENTS BEFORE END OF 1976. US SIDE REVIEWED IN DETAIL OBJECTIVES OF THOSE RENEGOTIATIONS.

6. STATUS OF POLLOCK AND BLACK COD STOCKS REVIEWED AND U.S. SIDE STATED CONCERN OVER DECREASING CPUE FOR POLLOCK AND PLANNED EXPANSION OF EFFORT BY ROK AND ROC FOR BLACK COD. U.S. SIDE STATED THAT US FISHERMEN PLANNED TO EXPAND BLACK COD EFFORT AND THIS WOULD MEAN REDUCTION IN FOREIGN EFFORT UNDER TERMS OF NEW US FISHERIES INITIATIVE.

7. IN REPLY TO ROC QUESTION US SIDE STATED THAT US FISHERMEN WILL HAVE PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO RESOURCES OFF US COASTS. FOREIGN FISHERMEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HARVEST SURPLUS BUT ALLOCATION OF REMAINING ALLOWABLE HARVEST NOT YET DETERMINED. U.S. SIDE FURTHER INDICATED THAT CONSIDERATION EXPECTED TO BE FIVE LONG-TERM FISHERY AND ADJOINING STATES, BUT NO OTHER SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME.

8. ROC SIDE PRESSED FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH PRINCIPLE OF ROC RECEIVING ALLOCATION OF ALLOWABLE CATCH AS DETERMINED IN THE FUTURE. U.S. SIDE STATED IT DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE BUT WOULD PASS ON ROC VIEWS WITHOUT COMMITMENT OF USG TO ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

9. ROC SIDE RAISED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES AND US SIDE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS AN INDUSTRY TO INDUSTRY MATTER, BUT U.S. INDUSTRY WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE MEANINGFUL BENEFITS FROM ANY JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS.

10. QUESTION OF ARREST AND FINING OF ROC VESSEL ARRESTED IN FISHERY ZONE WAS RAISED. U.S. SIDE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF COAST GUARD ENFORCING US LAWS AND COURTS MAKING A FINDING OF GUILT. SUBJECT WAS NOT A MATTER OF NEGOTIATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS SINCE IT CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW.

11. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ON U.S. INTEREST IN RESOURCES NOT HARVESTED BY U.S. FISHERMEN, US SIDE STATED THAT OUR INTEREST IS IN PROTECTING RESOURCES TO ENSURE FUTURE AVAILABILITY TO OUR FISHERMEN AND PROPER CONSERVATION PRACTICES WILL ENSURE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCE TO ALL FISHERMEN IF NOT TAKEN BY U.S.

12. U.S. SIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON FUTURE ROC ACTIVITIES IN NORTH PACIFIC AND ROC SIDE REPLIED THAT LESS THAN 10 VESSELS CAPABLE OF FISHING AREA. DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN RECRUITING CREWS SINCE TAIWANESE DO NOT WISH TO OPERATE IN COLD AND HARSH CLIMATE.

13. ROC SIDE STATED THAT FISHING INDUSTRY DEVELOPING AND PLANNED ON EXPANDING OPERATIONS IN NORTH PACIFIC AND NEEDED TO KNOW SPECIES THAT COULD BE FISHED. U.S. SIDE REPLIED THAT ALL SPECIES UNDER DISCUSSION ARE FULLY UTILIZED OR OVER EXPLOITED. IMMEDIATE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE CREATED BY ANY TAKING OF SALMON, HALIBUT OR CSFR. COPY OF CSFR CIRCULAR NOTE DATED DEC. 5, 1974 CONTAINING LIST OF SHELF RESOURCES, WAS PROVIDED TO ROC SIDE. ALTHOUGH ROC EMBASSY SHOWN ON LIST FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CIRCULAR NOTE, ROC REPS WERE NOT AWARE OF NOTE. US SIDE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT THAT ROC HARVESTING OF CORAL IN HAWAII AREA CONSTITUTED VIOLATION OF U.S. LAW AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE STOPPED, OTHERWISE VESSELS WOULD BE SEIZED. INFORMATION ON ROC FISHERY FOR CORAL OBTAINED ON VISIT OF TEAM TO TAIWAN FISHERIES AND MARINE INSTITUTE AT KEELUNG NOV. 18. US ALSO STRESSED THAT ALL INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF SALMON, HALIBUT AND CSFR MUST BE RETURNED TO SEA.

14. ROC SIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION ON PORT CALLS AND PURCHASING OF SUPPLIES. US SIDE STATED THAT ENTRY NOT ACCEPTABLE ON WEST COAST SINCE THIS WOULD CREATE SERIOUS POLITICAL PROBLEMS. AT PRESENT TIME, ONLY SOVIET VESSELS WERE PERMITTED ENTRY INTO TWO PORTS ON WEST COAST UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENT BUT SOVIETS DID NOT UTILIZE PORTS FOR FEAR OF HAVING THEIR VESSELS ATTACHED BY US FISHERMEN FOR HAVING DAMAGED AND DESTROYED US FISHING GEAR. FORCE MAJEURE WAS, OF COURSE, EXCEPTION.

15. WITH REGARD TO ACTIVITIES OF ROC VESSELS IN NORTH PACIFIC, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WAS AGREED THAT THESE VESSELS WOULD RESPECT SPECIAL CONSERVATION AREAS ESTABLISHED UNDER TERMS OF US-JAPAN BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR NORTH PACIFIC AND WOULD ALSO OBSERVE HALIBUT CLOSED AREAS IN EASTERN BERING SEA.

16. TALKS HELD IN FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE. ROC SIDE REPEATEDLY PRESSED FOR BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME GUARANTEE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FISH OFF US COAST AND OF FUTURE CATCH ALLOCATION. IT IS CLEAR THAT ROC VESSELS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN NORTH PACIFIC OFF US COAST. THEIR TRAWL FISHERY IN EASTERN BERING SEA DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL AND DIFFICULTY BEING EXPERIENCED IN RETAINING CREWS ON VESSEL. GREATEST INTEREST HAS BEEN EXHIBITED IN EXPANDING THEIR LONGLINE FISHERY FOR BLACK COD THROUGH CONVERSION OF PART OF EXISTING FLEET OF TUNA VESSELS OF WHICH ABOUT 100 ARE IDLED

DUE TO STAGNANT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN TUNA FISHERY. DESPITE
REPEATED EFFORTS OF TEAM TO DISCOURAGE EXPANSION OF BLACK COD
FISHERY SINCE RESOURCE NOW BEING FULLY UTILIZED, CONSENSUS OF
MEMBERS SERVING ON US DELEGATION, INCLUDING SCIENTISTS, IS THAT
ROC WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND FISHERY FOR BLACK COD IN NORTH
PACIFIC.

17. FISHERY TEAM MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ
OFFICIALS IN TOKYO TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON SEOUL AND TAIPEI MEETINGS.
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